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MINUTES

Central Labor Council

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council of December 7, 1943, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of eight delegates from six locals. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to buy a ten dollar "Tuberculosis Bond."

It was moved, seconded and passed to endorse a resolution from the Retail Clerks asking for more leniency in considering substandard wages.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council endorse Miss Helen Wright, of San Francisco, for appointment to the State Personnel Board. This on the recommendation of the Operating Engineers.

It was moved, seconded and passed that telegrams be sent to Congressman Outland and the California senators in favor of a continuance of food subsidies.

The Carpenters reported a routine meeting.

The Painters reported a quiet meeting.

The Barbers reported a good meeting with two new members initiated.

The Cannery Workers reported two large good meetings—as many present as the hall would hold. Three new members were initiated.

The Electricians reported a routine meeting.

The Batters reported a good meeting and three new members.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS

(Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employes No. 483)

DID YOU KNOW—?

That the union holds its annual elections next Monday, December 27? Polls are at the Bartenders Hall, 701 Alvarado, and members may vote any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

That the union bought a \$10.00 tuberculosis health bond last meeting?

That Tony Barrera, a bartender, is going into the U. S. Navy service?

That Business Agent E. D. McCutcheon played bartender on the day of his birthday, December 13?

That Brother McCutcheon brought two washbuds to the office the other day, leading to questions as to whether he was planning to compete with the laundries, or what?

That Secretary Pearl Bennett Robinson has been suffering from influenza and missed about 10 days' work?

That a letter and Christmas greetings were received by the union from Darrell J. McConnell, former bartender and now a first sergeant in our forces in India?

In Union Circles

MONTEREY

This department wishes its many friends and readers the best holiday greetings.

Last week's meeting of the Building Trades Council in Monterey was mainly routine, and of interest to all who attended.

All carpenters in the Monterey area are busy and local jobs continue to absorb any who become idle, reports Dale Ward, business agent.

Henry Diaz, business agent of Plumbers 62, underwent an operation last week to remove an ulcer from his eye. He is recovering nicely but has one eye tightly taped up.

LABOR FIGHTS T. B.

To make available a free chest examination to industrial workers in Greater Cleveland, a cooperative program involving labor unions, industries and health department and Anti-Tuberculosis League officials, U. S. Public Health Service is providing miniature X-ray equipment and a technical staff.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

A very Merry Christmas to all from the Can Opener of the FCWU office.

Louis Martin, business agent of the fish cannery workers, was in San Francisco last week to attend a War Labor Board hearing on the new contract. Tex Skinner, S. U. P. secretary, assisted. Nothing much to report—we're waiting for the WLB decision.

Fishing has been resumed with much of the fleet still laid up due to the recent storm. Temporary repairs have allowed a number of boats to return to sea, however.

The union's jurisdiction over watchmen has been settled finally. These men must join the union, cannot watch more than one plant, get \$162.50 for eight hours, and if watching on a part time basis and working in the plant part time, they must be paid at the highest rate for the highest ranking job.

This little "flu bug" that's going around biting people certainly has been active along Cannery Row. A number of key workers at the canneries have been laid up.

Public Relations Man J. Ely, who was with Cal Pak for years, now is associated with the Del Mar cannery. Huh!

A number of minor disputes, nothing serious but all of a troublesome nature, have kept the union's officers busy in past days.

Marian Parks, nurse at Hovdens, is up and around following her recent accident in which she incurred severe head cuts. Nurse Parks broke her leg in an accident some time ago.

That's all for now.
—THE CAN OPENER.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

Warehousemen 890 expect to affiliate with the Central Labor Union right after the first of the year.

The Central Labor Body, reports Bud Kenyon, secretary, has backed the request of the Sacramento Federated Trades Council and the Retail Clerks in urging the WLB to restore power to make decisions to the regional panels. The CLU also ordered letters sent to Senators Johnson and Downey demanding that they back subsidies to hold down living costs.

Sum of \$19 was raised at the last meeting of the CLU to help finance activities of the Service Men's Holiday Party Committee. Brother McKinley is serving actively on this group which will add cheer to the Christmas and New Year season for the boys in uniform.

Lou Koch got it. Got what? You ask him.

Pete Farr In Hospital

Brother Pete Farr, of Butchers Union 506, who has had his leg amputated, is doing nicely, an anonymous friend reports.

Brother Farr now is in Park Lane hospital and is able to have visitors. His wife, Mrs. Farr, is an employee at the Spiegel plant and is a member of Warehousemen Union 890.

British Urging Presence of All Unions at Meet

New York City The British Labor party, through its official labor press service, has expressed the hope that all the United Nations labor movements "however much they may differ in structure or in ideology" will accept the invitation of the British Trades Union Congress to the world labor conference in London next June, Allied Labor News reports.

HIT STEEL FORMULA

San Francisco, California The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has joined the fight to scrap the Little Steel formula with demands for 15c hourly wage increases.

Labor Leaders In Lion's Den



AFL President William Green, President Frederick C. Crawford of the National Association of Manufacturers and CIO President Philip Murray (l. to r.) are pictured together at the 48th convention of the NAM in New York. But they did not agree on post-war aims. While Green and Murray called for full employment after the war, Crawford asked for "freedom from labor leaders." (Federated Pictures.)

SMITH SPEECH TYPICAL TORY BLATHER FROM POLL-TAX ILK

Washington, D. C. Taking up Sen. Josiah Bailey's (D., N.C.) threat that southern Democrats would quit the party and go where they are more welcome, Sen. Ellison D. "Cotton Ed" Smith (D., S.C.) treated the Senate to one of his folksy white supremacy, anti-Negro, anti-New Deal speeches.

The veteran polltaxer, whose 34 years of service make him the dean of the Senate, told offensive anti-Negro jokes, hurled insults at the President and called on the southern states to organize a new Democratic party as his answer to Sen. Joseph Guffey's (D., Pa.) charge that southern polltaxers had made an "unholy alliance" with Republicans to defeat the Lucas-Green soldiers vote bill.

Smith jeered at opponents of lynching and coined a new slogan: "The polecats are fighting the polltax."

"How many senators who have lived in the midst of an ungovernable, lawless crowd, and had their womenfolk outraged," he demanded, "would sit down and say 'Let the law take its course? Let the law lynch some white people if they would go down there—and I would join in the lynching.'"

Chewing his tobacco determinedly, Smith drawled, "Mr. President, I have one platform on which I shall live and die—my loyalty to the Constitution, my loyalty to states rights, and my loyalty to white supremacy."

Smith nominated a fellow polltaxer—wealthy applegrower Harry Byrd (D., Va.)—as his choice for the presidency, saying he had a chance to win, "for that office has got powerful low."

Maybe Hitler Wants Them to Gnash With

Some thieves broke into a dental laboratory in Norwich, Conn., recently and stole 1,000 sets of false teeth.

They're probably the guys who stole that black market steak the week before.

Can't the Republicans Buy This Guy Off?

Former Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas (remember?), who carried two states as the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, predicts that the Republicans will win in 1944.

Republicans have the worst luck!

STILL NEED GALS

Kansas City, Missouri More than 1,000,000 women will be needed in industry during 1944 to replace men taken into the armed services, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said here.

I'm going to live within my income this year even if I have to borrow money to do it.—MARK TWAIN.

A puncture is a small hole which appears about 10 miles from the nearest garage.—SUDBURY STAR.

NAM Diehards Given Earful by Chief of War Production Unit

New York City

Only sour note in the sweet symphony of reaction at the opening session of the National Association of Manufacturers convention here came from Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson of the War Production Board. He told the nation's industrial leaders to stop selling the war effort down the river "for temporary gains."

Denouncing those interests that are "trying to position themselves for the post-war period long before the country is out of danger and long before our fighting men have any chance to position themselves," he said: "I am deeply alarmed over the possibility that a right wing reaction may draw some sections of capital so far away from our traditions as to imperil the entire structure of American life as we know it."

Wilson demanded that "industrial leaders of America withhold encouragement from dangerous men who preach disunity." Applause was polite.

STRIKE LEADS TO PROBE OF BAD ENGINES AT WRIGHT'S

Paterson, New Jersey Investigation of faulty engines allegedly turned out by plants of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation in this area is expected to result from a 2-day strike of 15,000 employees.

Officials of Local 669, United Auto Workers (CIO), disclosed that wires had been sent to Chairman Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.) of the Senate committee investigating the national defense program, informing him that the company, a subsidiary of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, was turning out defective engines.

Resentment over the quality of the product turned out by the plants and over the activities of certain supervisors were the principal cause of the 2-day walkout, union officials said.

Both Curtiss-Wright and its subsidiary have been accused of fraud by the Truman committee following investigations lasting several months. The parent company managed to finagle close to \$5 billion in war contracts, the committee disclosed.

At the time the committee reported, Curtiss-Wright had taken \$27 million to build an aircraft plant and had received another \$98 million for operating expenses and had not turned out a single plane "which the Navy considers usable as a combat plane."

SLASH ON PAPER

Washington, D. C. The commercial printing industry will operate in 1944 on 75 percent of the print paper used in 1941, if recommendations of the War Production Board's commercial printing and lithographing industry advisory committee are accepted.

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.—THOMAS A. EDISON.

Butchers 506 Send Another Letter to Men in Service

Following is the December "news letter" from Butchers 506 to members in the armed forces throughout the world. The union sends such a letter each month and the letters are reprinted here for information of members at home.

Greetings from Local 506:

We had quite a surprise last month when we were preparing the cigarettes for you boys. We counted on 19 boys overseas and ordered cartons accordingly. Well, by the time we were ready to send the packages to the boys in the U.S.A. we found we had 31 boys overseas and tonight we were told another left in November, making 33 in all.

We were talking to the wife of Orval Searls the other day. Orval has been in the South Pacific for about three months. One letter tells of cooking with gas and the next, of being in the jungle. They have a Hollywood Blvd. in Guadalcanal lined with tree ferns and coconut palms. Orval's fox hole is under a coconut palm. George Johnson is with him. They had beef for a while as George shot a "wild cow." George missed a Jap and shot a cow.

We received a swell letter from Earl Stout written on Thanksgiving Day. He says they had a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. He sends Christmas wishes to all. Thanks Earl, we like to hear from you.

Also a letter from Robert Courley, stationed at Trux Field, Madison, Wis. He has been in his first snow storm. He says they have plenty of meat in his camp. The shops around there get stuck with the choice cuts as those cuts take too many points. He is going to a radio school.

According to a letter from one of our boys overseas, our letters get around as his wife read one of the letters published in the Union paper and now he is in the dog house. I really hope it wasn't serious as our letters are intended to cheer our boys and we do enjoy the letters you send us, and wouldn't want to hurt feelings on either side.

Well, Uncle Sam has given us a little more work to do. Here is the way men or women are placed on jobs now. They must get a release from their present employer, then go to the War Labor Board and get a clearance, then go to their union and get a work order and we must sign the release from the War Labor Board and send both to their new employer. Should an employer hire a man without a release from his former employer, he is subject to a heavy fine. If the employer refuses to release the man, he must stay on the job until he is released. Each week we have to send in a list of the men we have sent out on jobs and the name of the employer who hires him. This is done to spread vital labor where it is most needed.

A letter from Alfred Brown stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss. He has been cooking for seven months. Alfred has been training for the past two weeks, sleeping in pup tents in freezing weather. It is a swell letter, Alfred, and thanks for William's address.

We also heard from Curley Cook, ex sausage-maker from Golden State Meat Co. Sorry about the address, Curley. I forgot to give the correct one to the secretary. Also did not know you were married until we talked with your wife. Congratulations, even if they are late. So that should omit Butcherettes from your list.

We have had visits from Lieut. Kenneth Allen, home on furlough from Utah. Gaylor Zanzow from Camp Maxey. Nance Cirone home on sick leave from Avon Park, Florida, and Walter Schneickert from Marysville. They all look fine. Kenneth Allen is stationed at the General Hospital and tells us one of the boys returned from the war zone and drew a picture of a nurse with a big needle standing by a soldier and the soldier saying "Lay that needle down, babe, lay that needle down." What will the kids think of next.

Tacoma Unions Plan for Period Following War

Tacoma, Washington Declaring that labor must take a hand in planning the post-war world; AFL locals here have set up a post-war planning committee to work out ways to bridge the gap between victory in war and conversion to a peacetime economy. They said:

"Failure on our part to act will leave the planning to the National Association of Manufacturers. To them planning means beating down labor and putting forth the Hoover idea of free enterprise."

Brother Zanzow was telling us, he has to break all the beef which is delivered to the camp in whole carcasses. In a recent letter he tells us they are still receiving their beef the same way and he expects to see an animal walk in by itself. They are not split. He expects to leave Camp Maxey soon.

A swell letter from Pat Radovich stationed at Camp Berkeley. He is in the medical division and when he is through being a meat cutter, there won't be a bandage or an injury he won't know how to treat. Seems they are putting most of our boys in the medical division.

A letter from Joe Rositano, thanking us for the cigarettes. He is still cutting meat and it takes eight lambs for one meal. He gets plenty of steaks. Lucky Joe. Thanks for the Christmas card, Joe, which came today.

Also, Christmas cards from George Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Toney Patellano, and a cute card from Toney Sparacino, and was I surprised. We thought he was in Alaska and his card is from Hawaii. Did you draw the card, Toney? I heard you were a great artist.

After a long wait we heard from John Garcia who is aboard ship in the South Pacific, cutting meat. Bill is in Florida, out on the Keys, at present, John, and expects to stay there.

Also a letter from William Martin, Anthony Ledesco, Tom Castro and Fred Medano.

Old California sure took a beating last Wednesday night and Thursday. A wind storm, at 65 miles per hour and 72 miles per hour on the Bay bridge. Damage was very high in Monterey and Santa Cruz. In San Jose, store windows were broken and trees fell on houses and old St. James Park looked as if a cyclone hit it.

We are holding elections in the various Locals. Salinas decided to keep things as they are, Kaspar acting as president and yours truly acting as secretary.

In Monterey, Floyd Harris ran for president, Bob Beach and Frank Bruni as secretaries. In Watsonville, the same officers. Also in Palo Alto and San Jose.

Our Butcherettes have received a wage increase from the War Labor Board for the first three months \$30.00, four and five months \$33.00, six and seven months \$36.00 and eight months or more \$39.00, retroactive as of June 1, 1943, and only to women who stayed on the job. Well, I hope they are happy.

We send Christmas Greetings to all of you boys wherever you are with a Wish for a Happy New Year, from your Brothers and Sisters in Local 506.

EARL A. MOORHEAD,
Secretary.

WPB Orders National Set-Up for Steaming Hot Lunches in Plants

Washington, D. C.

War workers will be assured steaming hot lunches—instead of the old-fashioned dinner pail—under a stepped-up program to provide adequate in-plant feeding facilities in war industries announced by WPB Chief Donald Nelson.

Nelson assigned specific responsibilities to the Office of Civilian Requirements and the Office of Labor Production to maintain the highest productive efficiency of war workers by making available sufficient supplies, facilities and services and, in cooperation with WFA and OPA, sufficient food for industrial feeding.

"Experience shows that better nutrition among industrial workers promotes productive efficiency, whereas inability to obtain enough good food in many cases has lowered productivity by causing excessive fatigue, absence from work and turnover," Nelson said.

Shipping Board Backs Down On Physical Probe

San Francisco, Calif.

After heated protests from the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (both AFL) and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (CIO), the War Shipping Administration rescinded its order that sailors must take a physical examination in addition to the one they take with the Public Health Service.

Ostensible reason for the added examination was prevention of contagious disease. The unions claimed the real reason was the desire to eliminate oldtimers from the Merchant Marine. The unions themselves promise to work out a plan to control the spread of contagious illness.

UNIONISTS HAIL SUPREME COURT PICKET RULING

Injunctions of New York Courts Reversed in Test Decision on Cafe Unions

San Francisco, California

(CFLNL) Holding that the rough and undoubtedly impolite language of pickets was neither reprehensible nor contrary to law, but only such as might be expected in the heat of a controversy, the United States Supreme Court recently reversed the decisions of New York courts in two cases in which employers had claimed that what the pickets had said on otherwise peaceful picket lines was "unlawful" and had caused "irreparable damage."

Both cases involved the picketing of cafeterias. In one of them, Cafeteria Employees vs. Angelo, the injunction against picketing that had been granted by a New York court was reversed by the Supreme Court. It appeared that the cafeteria which was being picketed was operated by the owners, and that while the picket line which was established in order to unionize the place was peaceful, still the pickets "carried signs which tended to give the impression that the respondents were unfair to organized labor and that the pickets had been previously employed in the cafeteria."

In a companion case, decided along with the Angelo case, involving the picketing of another cafeteria under similar circumstances, the New York Court found that the pickets "told prospective customers that a strike was in progress," "insulted customers who were about to enter the cafeteria," and stated that "by patronizing it, they were aiding the cause of Fascism."

As stated above, the Supreme Court reversed the injunctions and held that the facts found did not make the picketing unlawful.

NEWSPAPER UNION ELECTS '44 OFFICERS

At a meeting held Thursday, December 9, in the Alameda County Labor Temple at Oakland, the American Federation of Newspaper Writers and Reporters' Union, No. 22279, elected new officers for the ensuing term.

Those elected were: president, A. H. Bredsteen; vice-president, H. F. Albers; secretary-treasurer, Anne H. Jones; board of trustees, Al Sessions, W. C. Stevens and W. R. Toshi; sergeant-at-arms, Fred East; delegates to the Alameda County Central Labor Council, A. H. Bredsteen and H. F. Albers.

This news writers' union has jurisdiction over all of the central California territory and is planning an active organizing campaign in conjunction with the Western Office of the American Federation of Labor at San Francisco.

State Building Council Reports Steady Progress

San Francisco, California "The California building industry has gone through the year with the least friction or industrial misunderstanding of any year in the history of the State Council. Every Council is functioning under agreements and friendly relations with contractors."

Thus the Executive Board of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California sized up the situation following a meeting held here recently to discuss war activities, attacks on labor rights, publicity and education, coming unemployment, post-war plans, home-building promotion, legislative work, industrial accidents and safety programs, legal aid to affiliates.

Reports indicated that not only had the State body made substantial gains but that most local councils had strengthened their positions notwithstanding drastic building curtailment.

How To Get HR. 7 Passed

Washington, D. C. Delegates to the meeting of the Committee to abolish the Poll Tax heard this program of action suggested, and left the meeting to begin work at once:

1. Go to see their congressmen and get their specific pledges to adopt a soldier vote bill identical with the Green-Lucas bill.
2. Get their pledges to reject any compromise made by House conferees with proposals in the Eastland substitute returning to the States the question of whether soldiers vote.
3. Commit senators to a vote for cloture where possible, but in any event, for a vote against a motion to table or to postpone action on HR 7 once it was on the floor. A majority only is necessary to defeat a motion to table or postpone, while a two-thirds vote is necessary to invoke cloture.
4. When it is decided what senator is to introduce HR 7 on the floor, every union representative at the conference should visit him to extract an ironclad promise not to withdraw the bill.
5. Then let the poll-taxers filibuster the on-the-fence-on-cloture senators will hear from the people back home when it is seen they're holding up vital war legislation. They will be forced then to vote for cloture to allow the Senate a chance to vote democratically on HR 7.

Labor Groups Join In Lobby For Subsidies

Washington, D. C.

The pro-subsidy forces on Capital Hill got fresh reserves as delegates from 108 AFL and CIO unions, farm, consumer, white collar, church, social welfare and veterans groups met here in an emergency conference called by the Congressional Committee to Protect the Consumer.

Over 500 delegates, who poured in from all parts of the country packed the caucus room of the House office building in a lively demonstration of the united support workers from farms, factories, offices and kitchens are giving to the administration's subsidy program, in danger of being scrapped by the Senate.

Rep. Thomas Scanlon (D., Pa.), chairman of the "Fighting 60," key-noted the meeting when he warned that a "grave crisis of inflation threatens because of the possible defeat of the subsidy program to hold the line against soaring living costs."

CONSUMERS PHELEGMATIC "Consumers by and large are slow to get organized to express their views on legislation," Scanlon said. "To those of us who are here in Congress it is apparent that the enemies of subsidies are much more able to organize their forces swiftly. Down here during the last month we have seen one of the greatest lobby campaigns on the part of big business special food interests and certain selfish farm blocs that has been known in the history of this House, all asking one thing—higher prices at the expense of the consumer's pocketbook."

NOW GETTING ACTION But consumers were beginning to wake up to the danger, Scanlon said, citing the "tremendous" volume of "pro-subsidy and anti-the high cost of living" mail pouring into every congressional office. This was confirmed by Rep. Will Rogers Jr. (D., Calif.) who told the group that of the 1500 letters he had received on the issue, only two opposed subsidies.

Introduced as a "real dirt farmer," Rep. Usher Burdick (R., N.D.) assured his listeners that the small farmer would suffer just as much as the city consumer by the loss of subsidies.

Union Appealing To People for Subsidy Support

San Francisco, California To speed support for the subsidy program, the United Office and Professional Workers has opened a booth in the main business section here, where stenographers take letters from all comers to U. S. senators urging that they support subsidies and "roll back prices before prices roll back the war effort." The booth also serves as an information center on the control of inflation.

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RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

There is a simple directness about the manner in which the Russian courts of justice proceed in dealing with the much-talked-of war criminals, which commands our attention.

Last week trials started for three Germans, who were accused of executing helpless Russian children and equally helpless adult civilians, while one Russian was tried with them for helping to haul the victims to the spot while they were massacred.

They were all found guilty Sunday morning, December 19th, and in the afternoon they were all hanged in a public square in Kharkov in the presence of forty thousand people.

The trial brought out the testimony that the children pleaded with their executioners to please not kill them as they wanted to live, but they were gruffly told that they were inferior beings who must die to make room for the superior Germans.

At the trial, also, it was admitted by the accused that they were guilty but they tried to divert blame from themselves with the explanation that Hitler had ordered it. Evidently this plea did not help them.

We want to congratulate the Russians on starting now to punish at least a few of these atrocious war criminals, also for showing no leniency to their own Quisling. They all richly deserved the punishment meted out to them.

There has been considerable talk in the United States and Great Britain about punishing the war criminals, but it remained for the Russians to really blaze the trail for the actual doing of this unpleasant duty. All our talk has a hollow ring to it, till it culminates into some such actual performance as took place in Kharkov.

THOSE POOR NON-UNION MEN

Of all things, imagine the smearers of labor weeping because non-union working people are feeling the full force of higher prices without getting the higher rate of wages paid union people. This well known and undeniable fact is presented by the smearers as an argument to prove that union wages should be reduced to non-union levels and that until union wages are so reduced that members of organized labor cannot possibly be justified in striking to enforce new demands.

Again it is the non-union people the smearers pretend to be worried about. In other words the people in the lowest wage brackets are held up to the public as glaring examples of those who are suffering most from failure to enforce price ceilings.

This is absolutely correct. It is also true that these same low wage people have been patted on the back again and again by these same smearers for having the courage to refuse to join those awful labor unions, whose representatives were claimed to live lavishly on the dues of union members. They have been assured they were real, independent Americans, when they scabbed on striking workers.

What all this adds up to is this: There are literally millions of lame brains in this country who all their lives have been paying regularly from \$50.00 to \$150.00 a month, in reduced wages, to humor their foolish notion that they are saving themselves the expense of a couple dollars a month, or thereabouts, in union dues. By so doing they have cut themselves off from the benefits that flow to all members of organized labor. This is a staggering price for the unorganized to pay every month they work for the privilege of remaining unorganized.

All union people were first non-union people. They joined the union when they got their eyes open, as all non-union people do when they get to see the light. For once the smearers have done our unions a good turn. Many thanks.

PEARL HARBOR OVER AGAIN

Evidently those in charge of our military forces, over in Italy, have not yet learned the lesson of Pearl Harbor, which should have taught those in charge to be on guard against sneak and surprise attacks.

Reports are to the effect that many ships, loaded with supplies and ammunition, were allowed to remain unprotected from air attack in the harbor at Bari, Italy, with the result that a German formation of forty planes moved in unexpectedly and seventeen of our United Nations ships were sunk with supplies, ammunition and all.

Why did we and our allies not have an umbrella of fighter planes protecting these ships, some of which doubtless had been safely conveyed across the Atlantic, where the U boat menace was successfully evaded? Not to have such protecting planes on the job to meet any challenge that might develop seems inexcusable. One thousand lives were lost because no protecting planes were on the job.

Perhaps this incident will bring home to those in charge of our military movements the lesson of remaining on guard at all times. This is no time to be trusting to luck instead of attending to the grim business of winning this war with the least loss possible.

Farm Bureau's Confab Adopts 'Grab' Policy

By HARVEY O'CONNOR

Chicago, Illinois
 Grab while the grabbing's good! Yielding to this advice by their officers, delegates of the American Farm Bureau Federation tied themselves to an anti-labor and anti-New Deal program as they ended a three-day convention in Chicago.

Although warned by many invited speakers that a high price policy means inflation now and ruin for farmers after the war, the federation, speaking for 600,000 members, demanded an end to all subsidy curbs on prices.

HITS LABOR UNIONS
 Pres. Edward A. O'Neal urged the farm bureau to ally itself with the program of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and recounted proudly his 100 per cent record of support for anti-labor legislation. He accused workers of profiteering in wages.

O'Neal made no reference to the cause or purpose of the war, but delegates left no doubt as to their patriotic devotion to victory through their own hard work, purchase of war bonds, and amazing response to China Relief and Seeds for Britain and Russia campaigns. Speakers and delegates turned their back on isolationism and urged international cooperation for lasting peace.

The convention approved the calling of an international farmers' conference to deal with post-war problems. It would be sponsored by the farm bureau, the National Grange, the U. S. Farmers Union and the Farmers Union of England, and invitations would be issued to farm organizations in all the United Nations.

"GRAB ALL WE CAN"
 Hanging over the convention as a dark cloud was the farmers' fear of post-war deflation. Smarting under low farm prices from 1931 to 1940, delegates eagerly snatched at their leadership's counsel to get all the traffic will bear now.

"We've taken it on the chin for the last 20 years," a Wisconsin dairy farmer cried, "and we'll be going through the wringer again after this war is over—for God's sake why don't we get all we can now."

LITTLE LUTHER
 "At last things are beginning to move," said Mr. Dilworth smugly, looking up from The Evening Intolerant-Standard. "They will come out all right toward the end."

"Right toward whose end?" asked Luther.
 "Watch your language, young man! I meant that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon are taking the Republican party back into their own capable hands."

"The hands that rocked the boat in 1932 and '36, eh, Pop?"
 "It wasn't their fault they lost those elections, Luther. It was just that the people got . . . got . . ."

"Got wise for once."
 "No. They got taken in by the New Deal and all this red nonsense."

"Then they made Landon and Hoover blue."
 "Landon and Hoover are backing Dewey for president. They see a lot in him."

"And the voters see right through him."
 "Our leaders never give up working for their country. They have to take a lot."

"Yeah! Everything that isn't nailed down."
 "Luther, I don't think you're very respectful. Big businessmen built this country. You talk as if they would steal anything they could get their hands on."

"Oh, no! They wouldn't take a red hot stove."
 "Don't be a smart aleck, Luther! . . . They're certainly picking a winner in Mr. Dewey. He's young. He's . . ."

"Still dewy behind the ears, eh, Pop?"
 "He's very modest. He doesn't want to be president."

"That makes it unanimous."
 "Young man, I don't like your attitude. You should want to see promising young men in public office."

"It's according to what they promise, Pop."
 "You know what I mean. People who want to help take the country over its obstacles."

"You mean, just take the country over, don't you, Pop?"
 "No, I don't. These men wouldn't think of doing anything that wasn't for the country's best interest."

"Say, about 15 per cent annually?"
 "My son, I'm beginning to think you're hopeless. Anyway, Mr. Hoover is one man who can start things cooking."

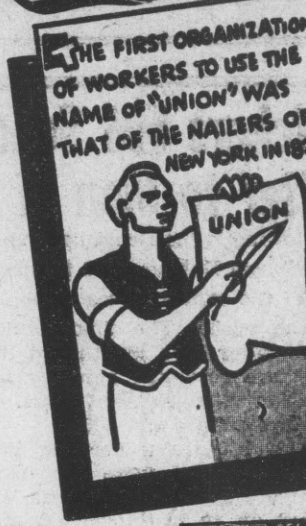
"O. K. So long as it's Dewey's goose, Pop."

Some of us are afraid to search our souls, for fear that we will find a "heel."

THE MARCH OF LABOR

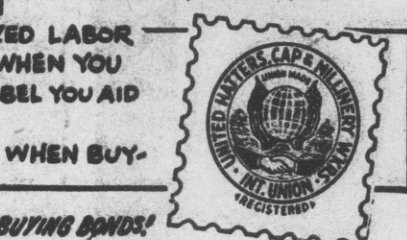


ACCORDING TO THE LABOR DEPT. OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN JUNE 1933 THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES WERE ABOUT \$2.97 FOR WOMEN'S CLOTHING AND \$4.16 FOR MEN'S FOR HOMEWORKERS!



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WHEN YOU AID ORGANIZED LABOR YOU AID DEMOCRACY. WHEN YOU INSIST ON THE UNION LABEL YOU AID ORGANIZED LABOR. LOOK FOR THIS LABEL WHEN BUYING HATS.



LABOR BACKS THE ATTACK—BUYING BONDS!



LOST: ONE TRILLION DOLLARS
 A Special Supplement to the New York Nation, Prepared by Thomas A. Amle. Single Copies, 15 cents. Bundle Rates: Up to 1000 copies, 10 cents per Copy. Address Orders to THE NATION, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

Does the title of this supplement startle you? Well it might, for it means just what it says. We folks in the good old U.S.A. between the years 1929 and 1943 have lost ONE TRILLION DOLLARS "in goods and services that might have been produced." Why? Because we permitted our social organism to operate on an obsolete and "hit-and-miss" basis of "private enterprise" and "private profit." A trillion dollars is a lot of money. A billion is a thousand million; a trillion is a thousand billion. In fact, the imagination is stumped unless one translates the figure into terms of things that can be used by human beings. Let's put it this way:

A trillion dollars would buy for every man, woman and child in the United States a \$1000 automobile, a brand-new \$3000 home for each of 100,000,000 people in the country, a \$300 refrigerator, a \$100 radio and a \$100 washing machine for each of 100,000,000 people, and there would still be enough left for each one of the 100,000,000 people to spend \$1000 for groceries, clothing, furniture and what have you.

Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? But it happens to be cold fact. Thomas R. Amle has done a workmanlike job in assembling these facts for the Nation supplement. In 1929 (just before the big crash) our national income was 83 billions. In 1943 it hit 155 billions. In the trough of the depression in 1932 it sunk to 32 billion. Mr. Amle demonstrates conclusively that had our economic machine been geared up to capacity production by wise planning all this time we would now have a national income of approximately \$200 billions. It is, therefore, a simple matter of arithmetic to ascertain that we have lost a trillion dollars worth of goods and services over the dam. If you lose \$10 in cash, it disturbs you greatly, doesn't it? But it just happens that during the last 13 years you have lost about TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! And it doesn't worry you a bit. Somehow you've "got by" and, of course, you've hardly been aware of your loss because the press has seen fit not to remind you of it—or to point a way out to prevent such losses in the future.

When Adolf Hitler and Emperor Hirohito decided to declare war on us, they forced us to produce. Most of that production is going for purposes of destruction, but we know now that we can hike our national income to \$200 billions. Says Mr. Amle: "It is, of course, plain that we cannot shift over immediately from making \$100 billion worth of war goods to making \$100 billion worth of goods for peace; but, after all, the raw material that men and machines make into war-time goods CAN be made by men and machines into peacetime goods provided we have a plan and the will to carry it out." The only way that this can be accomplished, he further points out, is through socialization—not necessarily socialization of the MEANS of production, but at least socialization of the PURPOSES of production. It would mean that our government would have to set up a sort of Department of Economic Planning and Co-ordination to maintain full employment and money and goods exchanging at maximum tempo.

Unless we proceed to solve this problem in the American way, argues Mr. Amle, then it will eventually be solved in the Russian way. He adds: ". . . Russia has an economic system that can provide an outlet for all the creative energy of its citizens and, in addition, utilize enemy man-power to advantage. . . . If Russia has full employment after the war while we continue to be plagued with extensive unemployment, this fact will make its impact upon the minds of the American people without regard to class or occupation."

Here is the supreme challenge to the native genius of the American people. Proposed in the Amle plan is a partnership of labor, capital and government in speeding up our industrial machine to capacity employment and production in the post-war period. Unfortunately, Big Business has no real plan of its own to offer, and it is bitterly opposed to surrendering of monopoly privilege. Even now it is generally resentful of "government interference" and savagely antagonistic toward Organized Labor. Its attitude is tragically similar to that of the French bourgeois before the deluge. Amle refers to the theories of the British economist, J. M. Keynes, who thinks that "it may be possible to by-pass the question of socializing the means of production by socializing the purposes of production." And Amle adds:

"The diarch conservatism of our owning-ruling class perplexes British business men, who have the realism to see that 'full employment' will be the imperative of the future and that if it cannot be achieved under present leadership, then other leadership must be provided. The members of the Union League Club, if they possess the intelligence that a ruling class must have for survival, will hang the picture of Lord Keynes in the place of honor. Otherwise the picture of Marx will be hung there, but they will not be on hand to see it."

—AL SESSIONS.

Garment Union, Electricians Ask Repeal of Steel Formula

New York City
 Two more AFL unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, have come out for revision of the National War Labor Board's Little Steel formula.

In the current issue of Justice, ILGWU newspaper, the formula is characterized as "sham and mockery" in the face of rising living costs. "Our national wartime wage policy cannot be a frozen, rigid yardstick," Justice says editorially. "It must be tied to the cost of living index if it is to serve the interests of the mass of the American people."

The Journal of Electrical Workers, IBEW organ, described the formula as "outworn" and as "not flexible enough to meet the present situation." It continued: "As long as the government has embarked upon the program of adjusting wages on the cost of living basis, the government has an obligation to make sure that cost of living figures are accurate and tally with the experiences of housewives and unionists when they pay the bills for food, rent and clothing."

GIGGLES AND GROANS

REASON ENOUGH
 BROWN: "Why should we protect the birds?"
 BLUE: "Well, the Dove brings peace and the Stork brings tax exemptions!"

EUGENICALLY SPEAKING
 In the sociology class, the professor was discussing the problem of population.
 "There are far too many single women in this country," he commented, "and there are far too many old maids. It is difficult for me to understand how any woman, with a sense of social obligation, can become an old maid. Sometimes I wonder—what makes an old maid?"

Voice from the rear of the classroom: "Professor, old maids are born, not made."

SIMPLE
 A man went to see his doctor about a pain in his back, which had been troubling him since morning. The doctor gave him the once-over, and in a few seconds the pain vanished.
 The caller was overjoyed, and said, "That's quick work, doctor. Was it rheumatism?"
 "No," was the reply. "Your suspenders were twisted!"

ANOTHER SLUR
 SHE—What are all those men doing in a circle with their heads together? Is it a football team?
 HE—No, my dear, just a bunch of Scotchmen lighting a cigarette.

SUCCESS
 "How is your doctor son getting on in his practice?"
 "Excellent," he has made enough money so he can occasionally tell a patient there is nothing wrong with him."

THE DIFFERENCE
 Man: "What's the difference between the blueplate special and the whiteplate special?"
 Waiter: "The whiteplate special is 5 cents extra."
 Man: "Is the food better on the whiteplate special?"
 Waiter: "No; but we have to wash the plates."

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
 Bastus: "Where you goin', boy?"
 Sambo: "Ise going down to git myself some Tuberculosis stamps."
 Bastus: "What is dey? I ain't never heard tell of it."
 Sambo: "Well, every year I gits myself 50 cents worth of dem Tuberculosis stamps and sticks dem on my chest and I ain't never had Tuberculosis yet."

PLAY SAFE!
 Wife (reading from an insurance pamphlet): "A large percentage of the accidents occur in the kitchen."
 Husband: "Yes, and what's worse, we men have to eat them and pretend we enjoy them."

SUPER-ABUNDANCE
 "Little boy, do both your dogs have licenses?"
 "Yes, sir! They're just covered with them."

TIP TO BENEDICTS
 Patient: "My wife tells me I talk in my sleep, doctor. What should I do?"
 Doctor: "Nothing that you should not."

WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
 She: "Darling, I hope you're not on guard tonight."
 He: "Nope, are you?"

HUSH! THE WALLS HAVE EARS
 Willie—Pa, does bigamy mean that a man has one wife too many?
 Pa—Not necessarily, my son. A man can have one wife too many and still not be a bigamist.

SPOILED EVERYTHING!
 Aunt Becky was drinking in every word of the Negro preacher's thrilling sermon. After each telling point against vice and sin she would holler out:
 "Amen! . . . Praise de Lawd! . . . Amen!"

Then the parson moved on against snuff-dipping, and Aunt Becky exclaimed to her neighbor indignantly:
 "Dar now! He's done stopped preachin' and gone to meddlin'."

New Jersey CIO Asks Campaign for 6-Hour Day, Right After War

Newark, New Jersey
 The New Jersey Industrial Union Council, at its annual convention here, called upon the national executive committee of the CIO to wage a campaign for a national 6-hour day to begin as soon as the war ends.

Hailing all-inclusive international labor unity, the convention unanimously pledged support of the world labor conference in London June 5. A resolution reaffirming the state CIO's no-strike pledge was passed over the opposition of Brewster Aeronautical Local 365, United Auto Workers.

Irving Abramson, re-elected president of the state council, proposed a "national production board to secure peacetime production at wartime levels" which would aim for an annual income of \$3,500 a year for the average family.

Noriega Resolution On Including Labor In Statistics Compilation Backed by Kansas City Conference

San Francisco, Calif.

(CFLNL) At the recently concluded Conference on Labor Legislation held in Kansas City, December 8 and 9, Anthony L. Noriega, President of the California State Federation of Labor and a delegate to the Conference, was successful in obtaining the adoption of a resolution to permit labor's participation in the compilation of the cost of living indexes prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This notable achievement has been long sought for by the California State Federation of Labor.

It will help to express the wage earners' experiences with prices as they now exist, and should act as a beneficial check on the figures that are compiled.

The Federation has insisted, and still insists, that certain inflationary factors are not reflected in the cost of living figures, in spite of the recent survey made by a committee of the American Statistical Association claiming the contrary. Even now, the American Federation of Labor is conducting a survey of its own to incorporate and organize the wage earners' position on prices in order to try and present a fuller picture of what the cost of living now is.

LABOR ASKED TO SUPPORT \$44 MILLION FSA FUNDS

San Francisco, California

(CFLNL) Some time ago a 44-million-dollar appropriation for the Farm Security Administration, requested and approved by President Roosevelt, was stricken out of the First Deficiency Bill by obstructionists in the House Appropriations Committee. The Senate, however, reinstated this money when it passed the bill, which now goes back to a conference of members from both the House and the Senate. At the time of this writing, House members of the Conference Committee have not been appointed.

It is imperative that this 44-million-dollar deficiency appropriation be given to the Farm Security Administration, otherwise the F. S. A. will have to liquidate its program. Without the \$37,500,000 available for R.F.C. loans, thousands of family-operated farms will be denied the chance to produce, causing a loss of tons of essential food for our fighting forces, our allies, and civilians. \$5,500,000 are absolutely indispensable for the proper functioning of the administration.

The Federation wishes to urge all the unions to contact their representatives in the House, requesting that favorable action be taken on this measure; that is, to put back into the bill the 44 million dollars which is so essential for the operation of the F.S.A.

If Is Written: To Much Frederick Is Dangerous

The recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers heard its retiring president, Frederick Coolidge Crawford, demand "freedom from freedoms."

What we really need is freedom from Frederick.

Let's ALL help bridge the Pacific with ships of Victory!

YOUR GOVERNMENT URGES YOU TO CONSERVE GAS and ELECTRICITY FOR ESSENTIAL USE

Yes, you can help fill the ships and keep them sailing out the Golden Gate...by practicing rigid wartime economy in your home. Your Government asks you to conserve and save for Victory. That means waste and extravagance must be cut to minimum. Even where there is no rationing and the supply is plentiful and the cost has not risen, use only what you need and no more.

This is true of gas and electricity. Though plentiful and cheap, they must be used wisely to save manpower, transportation, fuel and critical metals. By more conservative use of gas and electricity you prolong the life of your appliances, obtain more efficient operation and help avoid replacement and repair of these essentials to your comfort, convenience and health.

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SMASHING DOWN OF COLOR BARRIER NEED TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY, SAYS ROBESON

By ROBERT L. CRUDEN

New York City

The best guarantee for a better America is an all-out alliance between labor and the Negro people to break down the barriers of discrimination and segregation which are holding both of them back.

And the No. 1 job for both Negroes and labor at the moment is the destruction of Hitlerism and Japanese imperialism, whose racial superiority theories provide a backlog for reaction in this country.

That is the message I carried away from a long interview with Paul Robeson, internationally famous Negro leader now starring in the Theater Guild's production of Othello here.

FASCISM ALTERNATIVE

"If no attempt is made to solve the racial problem now, the way is left open for American fascism in the post-war world," he declared. "Fascism makes no distinction between the races it would enslave. American fascists would use racial discrimination and prejudice to divide the people and impose their rule upon us all. And all of us would suffer, just as all the peoples of Europe and Asia have suffered from the fascists."

The future of the Negro lies with labor, Robeson emphasized, pointing out that 98 per cent of Negro families are families of workers either in shops and factories or on the land.

CALL FOR COMMON PROBLEM

The fight against discrimination and segregation is not only a Negro problem, Robeson declared,

Festung Europa? 'Phooey,' Comment Of Soviet Armies

The contempt which the Russians hold for Goebbels' publicized "Fortress Europa" is made clear in a report on their Dnieper success in demolishing the best which German defensive experts erected.

"The fortifications of the Eastern Wall," an official Russian information release says, "were well conceived, evidently with a view to lengthy defense. Trenches, dugouts, and blockhouses were constructed on surrounding heights and in populated localities with pillboxes and gun emplacements, which enabled the defenders to maneuver with the forces at their disposal." Nevertheless, the 25 Kilometer "defense in depth" was broken through in but two days' fighting. Once in the clear the Russians, through their use of mobile tank units and motorized infantry, overran a wide expanse of the Ukraine.

The "Eastern Wall" and the "West Wall," as the late lamented Maginot Line was named, are, or were, only so many man-made obstacles. Man-made offensive power will reduce them to rubble, the Nazi propagandists notwithstanding.

Wall Street Journal Cries 'Egalitarianism'

New York City The Wall Street Journal, authoritative spokesman for the most reactionary wing of American big business, gnashes its teeth editorially because labor is supporting the Treasury Department's tax program for boosting levies on high incomes. Boldly, the Journal says such a program can't work because it is "egalitarianism," which seems to mean taxing those who can afford to pay, and adds: "Our faith is in equality of opportunity precisely because of the prospect it holds of inequality in results."

Soldiers Vote Defeat Called Election 'Rig'

Washington, D. C.

Defeat of the Green-Lucas soldiers' vote bill was described as "a product of a conspiracy to rig the elections of 1944 against the best interests of the win-the-war forces in America" by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N.Y.).

Marcantonio, author of HR 7, the anti-poll tax bill, addressed 150 delegates to a meeting of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, who represented 6,000,000 AFL members; 5,000,000 CIO members; 4,000,000 organized Negro groups; 350,000 railroad brotherhood members and 1,000,000 persons in churches, fraternal organizations and other groups.

Delegates heard Executive Vice Chairman Virginia Durr say that the poll tax formerly was thought of "as a southern issue, like pellagra," but became recognized as the national symbol of anti-labor, anti-democratic and anti-Negro forces.

NOW WORLD ISSUE

Now, she said, with the "very hard and tough combination," developed in the soldiers' vote fight, between Joe Pew, reactionary Republicans and poll-taxers, "it is no longer a national issue but a world issue."

Both Sen. James Mead (D, N.Y.) and Rep. George Bender (R, O.), who was active in behalf of HR 7 in the House stressed their interest in HR 7, but Mead said it was not the right time to bring the bill before the Senate, and Bender urged the delegates to "turn off the heat."

TURN ON THE HEAT!

Marcantonio, on the other hand, after one delegate in a question period demanded to know whether "we're to turn off the heat or keep it on," said, "The time's ripe for heat. Turn it on." And the chairman, Rev. Richard M. Murphy of New York, promised the heat would remain on.

In answer to another question, Marcantonio said heatedly: "They have a gentlemen's agreement to force a vote on cloture right away, and then, if it fails, to drop the bill. We say, Oh, no, you don't, you don't drop the bill, we'll keep it on the floor once it's there," he said.

"The assumption that if cloture fails we must begin all over again in 1945 on HR 7, has become," said Marcantonio, "a fatalistic obsession among some real friends of the bill." It is, he said, "a device of pseudo friends of the bill to escape a real fight and a trap of the poll taxers to defeat the legislation."

Ohio's Accident Record

Upon analyzing the \$18,148 industrial injury and occupational disease claims filed for the year 1942, Ohio's Industrial Commission arrived at the following:

OHIO WORKERS LOST

1,044 lives
212 eyes
35 arms
24 hands
16 legs
8 feet
1,538 whole fingers
1,403 parts of fingers
172 toes

Why do so many people object to "losing face"? Most of us should be glad to get a new one.

A Housewife Speaks Up On Subsidies

Washington, D. C. Some of the clearest words yet spoken on the battle currently raging around farm bloc attempts to kill the subsidy program came in a letter from a housewife to Rep. Mary Norton (D, N.J.).

"I am a mother," she wrote. "I prepare my family's meals as do most American mothers and I am concerned about the cost of food. The congressional opponents of food subsidies may have sound reasons to support their opposition, but those they have advanced just don't make sense to an untutored feminine mind."

"Consider this doubletalk. A subsidy on oranges, a food which prevents scurvy, would constitute a raid on the Treasury, yet a subsidy on cotton seed or on peanuts does not. It is 'immoral' to subsidize milk, the prime necessity of children, but has been sound moral practice to subsidize cotton to the tune of a billion and quarter dollars. Subsidies to control the price of meat would undermine the flower of American womanhood," Rep. Kleberg says. Perhaps those flowers only bloom in large cattle ranches such as he owns, but I wonder if he has thought what anxiety over an undernourished child can do to a woman."



Pacific Coast 'Co-ops' Make Rapid Headway

Los Angeles, Calif.

"Consumer co-operatives are gradually closing in on the great open spaces of the far west. There is scarcely a village or town on the main route of Idaho, Oregon and Washington that does not have its cooperatives," C. J. McLaughlin, educational secretary of The Cooperative League of the USA, reported at the close of a four week-tour of Pacific Coast states.

"Pacific Supply Cooperative, regional wholesale for co-ops in the Northwest, will be in its 10th year of successful growth in 1944. Net worth from a few hundred dollars in 1934 to more than a million and a quarter in 1943.

START EDUCATION

"Rapidly hitting full stride, Pacific set up an educational department early this year. Unit members are now working with R. M. Mitchell, educational director, in considering organization of educational committees to carry on active promotional and publicity programs.

"City co-ops in the Northwest are also on the move. There is a small but well established grocery unit in Walla Walla. Portland people are weighing action. In Seattle a two-day Institute was held, with 12 consumer co-ops in the Puget Sound area taking part.

BAY AREA MOVING

"In California the presently organized crop of co-ops is rather young, few being more than four to five years old. Advance is being made on a sound footing both in San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, with about 35 groups in action.

"At present the only regional organization is the Associated Co-operatives of Northern California at Oakland."

Men who rise to the occasion are those who take occasion to rise early.

METROPOLITAN LIFE GOUGING ITS TENANTS

Los Angeles, California

Having gotten precious WPB priorities to build a 1310-unit housing development for aircraft workers in Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is now thumbing its nose at the National Housing Agency and saying it will raise its original rent schedules by almost 50 per cent.

NHA instead of telling the landlord-life insurance giant where to go, is figuratively ringing its hands and, in the words of a NHA spokesman, "negotiating" with the company. NHA justifies its own squeamishness in dealing with the corporation by saying the application form which Metropolitan signed in September, 1941, was so loosely worded that it may not be legally valid.

In this form Metropolitan stated it would charge rents suitable for airplane workers, namely, \$42 for a 3 1/2 room apartment; \$54, 4 1/2 rooms; \$60, 5 rooms, and \$68 for 6 rooms. Now the company and the contractor, Starrett Bros. and Eken Company, 63 Wall Street, New York, announce they are going to charge \$61.27 for 3 1/2 rooms, \$78.29 for 4 1/2 and 5 rooms, and \$90 for 6 rooms.

Vice-President Miles L. Coleman of the contracting company, who long has been in the forefront of the fight against public housing, is said to be putting the heat on his old friend, Coleman Woodbury, assistant administrator. Administrator John H. Blandford could not be reached for a statement.

Such cases are usually decided in the field, but this came to Washington, said an information man, "because Metropolitan takes the position it isn't bound by NHA rulings." Apartments are to be available as of January 1.

If on the basis of increased costs NHA allows the increases, every private builder of housing developments will be trotting in with such demands, labor groups fear.

RETOOL FOR AUTOS

Detroit, Michigan

Retooling for auto production has quietly begun at the Packard Motor Car Company, employees report.

POEM OF THE WEEK

The Latest Decalogue

Thou shalt have one God only; who Would be at the expense of two? No graven images may be Worshipped, except the currency. Swear not at all; for, for thy curse Thine enemy is none the worse. At church on Sunday to attend Will serve to keep the world thy friend. Honor thy parents; that is, all From whom advancement may befall. Thou shalt not kill, but need'st not strive Officially to keep alive. Do not adultery commit; Advantage rarely comes of it. Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat, When it's so lucrative to cheat. Bear no false witness; let the lie Have time on its own wings to fly. Thou shalt not covet, but tradition Approves all forms of competition. —ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH.

All-Out Production Of Steel Asked for Offensive In Europe

Washington, D. C.

Following closely the Allied decision at Tehran to crush Germany and Japanese areas, the WPB said stepped-up attacks would require larger quantities of these products.

In telegrams sent to principal steel producers and CIO President Philip Murray, J. T. Whiting, director of WPB's Steel Division said:

"Increased output of plates and sheets is essential to meet the demands of the war program. We are expecting a new record of plate shipments from your company and the entire industry in December and again in January. Please notify your organization accordingly."

BIGGEST UNION

Detroit, Michigan

The United Auto Workers had 1,222,566 paidup members for November, International Secretary-treasurer George F. Addes announces, an increase of better than 50,000 over the highest previous month. The gain of half a million members since a year ago is well distributed over all of the UAW's nine regions in the U. S. and Canada.

AFL-CIO Labor Has Journalism Classes In L. A.

Los Angeles, California

Practical Journalism, first course offered by the new AFL-CIO sponsored People's Education Center, already has an enrollment of more than 100. Instructor Charles Ellis reports. Ellis is head of the Los Angeles bureau of The Labor Herald, California CIO paper.

Roster of guest lecturers includes: Don Kirby, James Felton and Kay Williams, Daily News; Bert Willard, Examiner; David Kaufman and Pete Jenkins, Herald-Express; and Leon Clifton, trade paper editor.

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Pt. Sweetheart



Tiny, streamlined Jean Por-
ter, a member of the Screen
Actors' Guild (AFL) has been
chosen sweetheart of Uncle
Sam's torpedo flotilla. Jean is
the PT-boat crews' favorite
pinup girl. (Federated pictures.)

**Electricians,
Bosses Agree
On Post-War
Conversions**

Washington, D. C.

Labor and management
have agreed on a specific
post-war program for ex-
panded employment in the
electrical construction indus-
try, it was revealed on the
AFL's Labor for Victory
program over NBC recently.

The four-point program, outlined
by President E. J. Brown of the
International Brotherhood of Elec-
trical Workers (AFL) and Pres-
ident Robert W. McChesney of the
National Electrical Contractors
Association, follows:

1. Immediate assignment of el-
ectrical contractors and their skilled
working staffs to do repair, instal-
lation and maintenance work in
shipsyards and war plants.

2. A survey of the possibilities
of future expansion of the indus-
try, which has already shown that
"the first announcement of peace
can be the signal for the greatest
construction program America has
ever seen."

3. Application of many new dis-
coveries of increasing efficiency of
operations, which will lower costs
to the public and result in wider
utilization and enjoyment of el-
ectrical installations.

4. Trial of a "revolutionary ex-
periment" involving the stabiliza-
tion of wages and employment on
an annual basis, as a supplement
to the present hourly basis of pay.

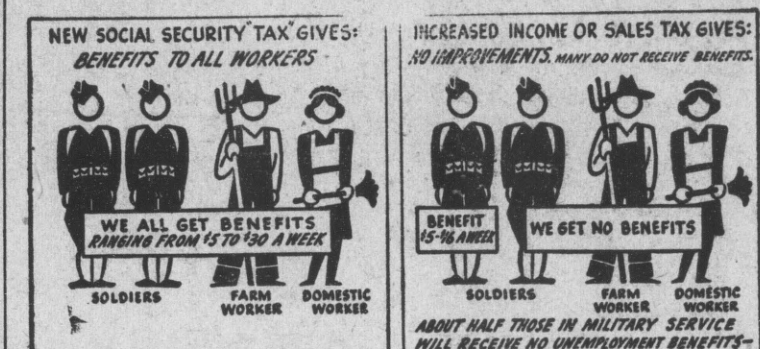
PLANS WELL DEVELOPED
McChesney said the electrical
contracting industry is far ahead
of other industries in post-war
planning partly because it already
faces post-war conditions. Cutbacks
in war construction have reduced
building activity to the rate of 2
billion dollars a year, as compared
with 13 1/2 billions last year and
3 1/2 billions at the low point of the
depression.

FAVOR STABILIZATION
The IBEW is willing to try the
experiment of stabilizing employ-
ment and wages on an annual basis
"to see if it is sound," Brown said,
adding that the objective "is to
guarantee a higher annual income
to the workers even though their
present hourly rate may be low-
ered." Adoption of the program
was made possible, McChesney said,
by the high degree of labor-man-
agement cooperation in the indus-
try. "We have not had a single
strike in our industry on questions
involving wages or working con-
ditions since 1920," he said.

**Mother of Eight Works
In An Aircraft Plant**

Here is a mother of eight chil-
dren who works in an aircraft
plant and is a union member. She
is Mrs. Louise Bowie, 32, employed
at the Glenn L. Martin plant in
Baltimore, Md., as a drill press
operator. She is a member of Local
738, United Auto Workers (CIO).
She lives at Saverna Park, Md., and
drives 80 miles to and from work
each day with her husband, who is
employed at another aircraft plant.

**Four short lessons
in social security**



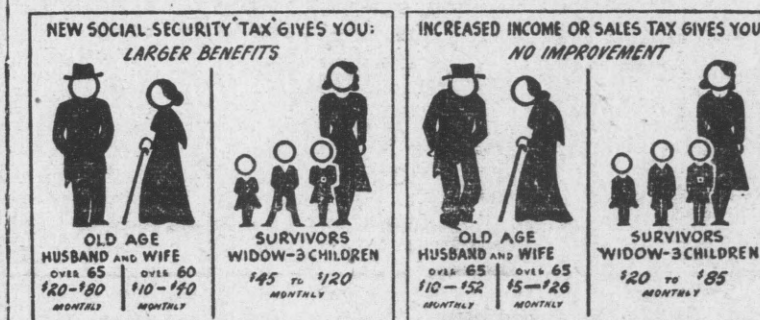
Under present social security law, farm workers, domestic
workers and several other groups are not covered for unem-
ployment and receive no unemployment benefits. About half
of those in military service were not working in covered employ-
ment before induction and will receive no benefits. The Wag-
ner-Dingell bill corrects this. But if Congress enacts a sales tax
or income tax instead, there will be no improvement.



This chart shows unemployment benefits for a married man
who earns \$40 a week in a factory and supports a family of
four. Left: Benefits under Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. Right: If
sales or income tax is imposed instead, the worker will receive
only those benefits now in effect under state laws.



Worry prevents proper rest and delays recovery from sick-
ness. This chart shows how a worker will be protected in illness
under the proposed Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill as contrasted
with his position if Congress imposes a sales or a higher income
tax instead.



Under the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill more liberal benefits
would be provided for widows and children and old age. If a
sales tax or a high income tax is enacted instead, there will be
no increase in benefits under present social security laws.
(Amount of benefit differs according to number of dependents
and wages received by workers.)

(Charts are from AFL Labor's Monthly Survey via Federated
pictures.)

**Balkan Peoples Fed Up With Royal
Tools of Big Business; Want Real
Freedom, Back 'Liberation Front'**

By "OBSERVER"

To get the low-down on the situation in the Mediter-
ranean, I have been following the reports of the Round
Table discussions organized by the editors of FREE
WORLD, the strongest advocate of democracy in the
magazine field. Its writers have close communication
with the "underground." In the November issue the
Battle of the Balkans was the round-table subject. Among
the debaters was Louis Adamic, noted author and pres-
ident of the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans.

Among the offerings by Adamic were the following:
"The Balkan peoples have produced men who were their leaders,
people's leaders, but as soon as they appeared they were 'bumped off.'
Whenever these peoples manage to work up leaders who are going to
lead them, the GANGSTERS, who are HIRED by the BIG POWERS,
bump them off."

"Those Yugoslavs in the Liberation Front, which I believe includes
a majority of the population, know what they want and what they don't
want—and their bloody faces are turned toward the future."

"The Liberation Front does not include the Chetniks. They are, to
my notion, the Badoglos of Yugoslavia."

"Right now, from the Yugoslav angle, one of the most essential
steps (for the Allies) is to recognize and deal with the Liberation Front."

"The Italian fascists completely destroyed 137 Slovenian villages.
It is vital that full restitution be made for the terrible devastation they
have wrought."

The round-table members agreed that the Balkan peo-
ples want no more kings who, in the past, have been only
the hirelings of the predatory powers of big business. The
sincerity of the promulgators of the "four freedoms" and
the Atlantic Charter seems to be on trial.

**Detroit Unions Outdo
Selves for War Chest**

Detroit, Michigan
Contributions by Detroit AFL
unions to the war chest are run-
ning three to four times ahead of
last year, a tabulation of current
returns indicates. Plumbers were
in the lead.

Astigmatism

Col. Robert R. McCormick, pub-
lisher of the isolationist Chicago
Tribune, sees a growing "draft Mc-
Cormick for President" movement
in Illinois.

Anybody with eyes like that
could probably go into a cellar at
midnight and find a black cat that
wasn't there.

**Old Jalopy Is Getting
On in Years, Revealed**

Plymouth, Michigan
Auto workers at the Kelsey-
Hayes machine-gun plant in Plym-
outh are using cars in many in-
stances 12 to 15 years old and with
mileage up to 100,000 miles, a trans-
portation survey reveals.

**Peace Rumors Launched
To Slow Up Our Effort**

Washington, D. C.
Secretary of State Cordell Hull
said the current output of peace
rumors apparently are designed
"to create overconfidence on the part
of the Allies and impair the whole
vigor of the war situation on the
Allied side."

**HOLLYWOOD
LOT**

By TED TAYLOR

Explaining that the war emer-
gency is over on the Pacific Coast,
the big Fox West Coast chain of
theaters has withdrawn from the
Theater Defense Bureau. The FWC
men know the emergency is over
because the lights are on again up
and down the coast.

Other Los Angeles theater men
do not agree with them and will
carry on with the training of the-
ater personnel in first aid, fire fight-
ing, panic prevention, with regular
safety inspections of theaters and
the showing of government war
films.

Decision of Charles B. Skouras,
FWC bigshot, that the Theater De-
fense Bureau was of no further
value to FWC theaters came out
the day after the war activities
committee of the Hays Office had
called on theater men all over the
country to note and pattern after
the fine defense job in Los Angeles.

Civilian defense participation was
a factor in winning theaters a
semi-essential rating in the em-
ployment stabilization plan. Maybe
semi isn't essential enough for
Skouras.

Industrial Symphony

Labor Symphony. Sound track of
a symphony of industrial noise re-
corded in Hibbing, Minn., Detroit
and South Chicago is background
"music" for America, the film King
Vidor is making for Metro-Gold-
wyn-Mayer.

Army Negro Film. Civilian audi-
ences may get a chance to see the
Signal Corps film, The Negro Sol-
dier in World War II.

Trial by Wax. Darryl Zanuck
had the script for his film about
Woodrow Wilson completely re-
corded by a radio producer. Now
Zanuck can play the disks over and
listen to his script. "Also he can
start the editing without waiting
for the film to be shot."

Free Sample. A smart agent
went to the man recording the
Wilson script and said: "I've got
an actor who's thinking of playing
Wilson on the stage. He'll read the
part free for you." Now Zanuck
had been thinking of Alfred Lunt to
play Wilson but when he listened
to his script he heard Alexander
Knox. P.S.—Knox got the part.

The Fan's Doodlery. Lieut. Gen.
James Doolittle will be represented
on the screen by Spencer Tracy in
MGM's 30 Seconds Over Tokyo.

No Star—Just Bogart

Bogart for Rick? Since the re-
newed protests from labor to Gary
Cooper for considering the Ricken-
backer part, 20th Century-Fox ad-
mits he won't play it. A few weeks
back W. R. Sheehan indignantly
denied that Cooper had rejected
the part but said as an after-
thought: "The part is so strong it
really doesn't need a star." Now
he's wondering if he can get Hum-
phrey Bogart to play it.

More Fire. It'll be interesting to
see if 20th-Fox is as impervious to
the political and church protests at
the plans to film Willkie's One
World as it is to labor's protests
at the Rickenbacker thing.

Banker: Banker. New high for
film rights to a play is the \$355,000
Mary Pickford planks down for
Junior Miss. That's just the down
payment. The play's author and
producer will collect 35 per cent
of the picture's profits in addition.

Divisionist. Destroyer (Colum-
bia). Fine premise for a film—the
shipbuilders did a lousy job. Ev-
erything goes wrong with the tub
but the crew sticks by her and
shoots down six Zeros and sinks a
sub.

NEW BAKER CHIEF

Chicago, Illinois
Herman Winter, first vice-pres-
ident and financial secretary of the
Bakery and Confectionery Workers
International Union, was elected
president by the general executive
board at its last meeting here. He
succeeds Andrew A. Myrup, who
died of heart failure October 2 at
the Boston AFL convention.

Note attached to a girdle turned
in to the scrap drive: "If this could
make Hitler as uncomfortable as it
made me, we'd win in a week."

**Try This One
On Your Piano**

Washington, D. C.
Six housewives from Brook-
lyn told the emergency confer-
ence called by the "Fighting
Sixty" why they're for subsidies
—in song. To the tune of "Oh,
How We Hate to Get Up in the
Morning," they sang this ditty:
Oh, how we hate to pay more
for butter
Oh, how we hate to pay more
for bread
Yet to see the profiteers
Shed their crocodile tears
They give up a lot
To fill up our pot
But that's tummyrot—
We know it.

Our boys must have a good land
to come home to
And it's our job here at home
to fight.
You must by now have realized
That if our food is subsidized
We'll splurge and buy all the
bonds in sight.

**Pay Ruling May
Prove Boon for
'White Collar'
Worker in U.S.**

New York City

Revised weekly wage rates for
250,000 persons in 70 different
white collar jobs in New York
City and northern New Jersey, an-
nounced by the Regional War La-
bor Board here, are expected to
pave the way for similar increases
in the white collar field in indus-
trial centers all over the country.

The new rates, ranging from \$18
to \$70, will not be adopted auto-
matically but are to be used as
the approvable levels governing
decisions of requests for wage in-
creases, the WLB here said. They
came at the height of organized
labor's campaign to get increases
for underpaid white collar work-
ers, hit most severely by rising liv-
ing costs.

Spokesmen for the United Office
and Professional Workers, leading
the fight for such increases, said
that the new rates were "a small
concession in the right direction"
but that they were "a long way
from solving the white collar
workers' problems." UOPWA has
demanded that the Little Steel
formula be scrapped for office
workers and that a more flexible
policy, permitting increases up to
35 per cent, be adopted.

UNION WOOS LATINS

Chicago, Illinois
The United Packinghouse Work-
ers has set up a special Latin
American labor committee and has
already made direct contact with
the Federation of Meat Workers
of Argentina.

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